(c) what impact the technological modernisation would have on unemployment and what are the thrust areas for industrial growth; and

(d) whether "screw-driver" technology is proposed to be discouraged in the State sector and genuine indigenisation promoted and if so, the details of the steps to be taken by the Commission ?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The approach of the Planning Commission for tackling the various problems faced by industry, including industrial sickness, has been set out in the Mid Term Appraisal of the Seventh Plan which was laid on the Table of the House last month. It has been noted that modernisation and upgradation of technology would lead to restructuring of industry and rationalisation of the work force. Increased emphasis on research and development is called for and also a stronger linkage between the laboratories and research institutions on the one hand and the industry on the other. During the Seventh Plan period, a higher growth rate and a greater thrust was envisaged in the sectors of electronics, electrical machinery and appliances, chemicals and petro-chemicals, transport equipment etc.

(d) Government are not in favour of the "Screw-driver" technology and due emphasis is laid in each case on the indigenisation of new products. The public sector has also been playing a valuable role in this behalf.

Policy on overtime Allowance

364. SHRI NARAYAN KAR:
DR. R. K. PODDAR :
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's policy on overtime is being implemented by its departments; and

(b) if so, results generated from that policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Government have accepted the recommendations in the Fourth Pay Commission's Report that overtime allowance may be discontinued. The modalities for implementing the decision are being worked out. Pending this, Ministries/Departments have been advised to arrange their work in offices in such a way as to finish it during the normal working hours and to evolve a new work culture. They have also been authorised to compensate for the unavoidable extra work beyond the prescribed working hours by payment of over time allowance under the existing orders on the basis of national pay admissible to the employees in the pre-revised scale of pay.

Pakistan efforts to obtain discmagnets for use in Atom Bombs

365. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI :
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the reports to the effect that the Government of Pakistan are trying to obtain Discmagnets for use in their secret laboratories through smuggling from the West to make Atom Bombs and if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and

(b) what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government are aware of reports about Pakistan's efforts to procure discmagnets for use in its weapons-oriented nuclear programme.